

In the Claims

1-10 (cancelled)

11. (new) A suspension device, comprising:

at least one working cylinder having a piston space and a rod space;

at least one hydraulic accumulator;

a first valve unit connecting said working cylinder and said hydraulic accumulator in fluid communication, having an input connected in fluid communication to said piston space and having an output connected in fluid communication to said hydraulic accumulator;

a second valve unit connecting said working cylinder to a tank connection in fluid communication, having an input connected in fluid communication to said rod space and having an output connected in fluid communication to said tank connection; and

a pressure compensator actuatable to equalize fluid pressure between said working cylinder and said hydraulic accumulator and to produce a common pressure level, said compensator having first and second control inputs connected in fluid communication with said input and said output of said first valve unit, respectively, said first control input being connected in fluid communication to said input of said first valve unit through a choke.

12. (new) A suspension device according to claim 11 wherein

said compensator is connected in parallel to said first and second valve units.

13. (new) A suspension device according to claim 11 wherein
said hydraulic accumulator is chargeable with fluid pressure via a check valve.

14. (new) A suspension device according to claim 11 wherein
said check valve is integrated in said first valve unit.

15. (new) A suspension device according to claim 11 wherein
said compensator has an input connected in fluid communication to said output of said first
valve unit, and has an output connected in fluid communication to an input of a third valve unit,
said third valve unit having an output connected in fluid communication to said tank connection.

16. (new) A suspension device according to claim 15 wherein
said output is connected to said input of said third valve unit through a metering choke.

17. (new) A suspension device according to claim 15 wherein
a pressure limitation valve is connected in parallel to said compensator to protect said
hydraulic accumulator against overpressure; and
said first, second and third valve units and said pressure limitation valve are formed in a
suspension control block as a retrofittable functional unit.

18. (new) A suspension device according to claim 11 wherein
a control block is connected in fluid communication with said working cylinder by two
control lines to activate said working cylinder.

19. (new) A suspension device, comprising:

at least one working cylinder having a piston space and a rod space;

at least one hydraulic accumulator;

a first valve unit connecting said working cylinder and said hydraulic accumulator in fluid communication, having an input connected in fluid communication to said piston space and having an output connected in fluid communication to said hydraulic accumulator;

a second valve unit connecting said working cylinder to a tank connection in fluid communication, having an input connected in fluid communication to said rod space and having an output connected in fluid communication to said tank connection;

a pressure compensator actuatable to equalize fluid pressure between said working cylinder and said hydraulic accumulator and to produce a common pressure level, said compensator having first and second control inputs connected in fluid communication with said input and said output of said first valve unit, respectively, said compensator having an input connected in fluid communication to said output of said first valve unit, and having an output connected in fluid communication to an input of a third valve unit, said third valve unit having an output connected in fluid communication to said tank connection; and

a pressure limitation valve is connected in parallel to said compensator to protect said hydraulic accumulator against overpressure;

said first, second and third valve units and said pressure limitation valve being formed in a suspension control block as a retrofittable functional unit.

20 (new) A suspension device according to claim 19 wherein
said output is connected to said input of said third valve unit through a metering choke.

21. (new) A suspension device according to claim 19 wherein
said compensator is connected in parallel to said first and second valve units.

22. (new) A suspension device according to claim 19 wherein
said hydraulic accumulator is chargeable with fluid pressure via a check valve.

23 (new) A suspension device according to claim 22 wherein
said check valve is integrated in said first valve unit.

24. (new) A suspension device according to claim 19 wherein
a control block is connected in fluid communication with said working cylinder by two
control lines to activate said working cylinder.